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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Department of Health—Organization. Officers and Employees—Appointment, Powers, and Duties. (Ord. Mar. 23, 1915.)

ARTICLE I. SECTION 1. *Health department established.*—There is hereby established an executive department of the municipal government of the city of Springfield, Ill., which shall be known as the health department, and shall embrace the commissioner of public health and safety, the superintendent of health, the secretary of the health department, the meat inspector, and such other officers as the commission shall from time to time, by ordinance or otherwise, provide.

SEC. 2. *Superintendent of health.*—There is hereby established the office of superintendent of health. The superintendent of health shall be the executive officer of said department, and, in subordination to the commissioner of public health and safety, shall have the supervision and management of all matters pertaining thereto. He shall hold his office for the term of one year or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. Said superintendent shall be a physician duly licensed to practice medicine or a person specially trained for this work and having a knowledge of public health administration, and, before entering upon his duties, shall execute a bond to the city of Springfield in the sum of \$2,000, with securities to be approved by the commission, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 3. *Powers and duties.*—The superintendent of health shall have the full management and control of the health department; all regulations and orders thereto to be promulgated through him. All subordinate officers and employees of said department shall be subject to such rules and regulations as shall, from time to time, be prescribed by said superintendent, with the approval of the commissioner of public health and safety. The superintendent of health shall have a general supervision over the health of the inhabitants of Springfield; shall take such steps and employ such measures as are necessary to secure and maintain the sanitary and hygienic salubrity of the city. He shall have full charge of the prevention, restriction, and suppression of epidemics of contagious and infectious diseases. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this ordinance the commissioner of public health and safety, the superintendent of health, the meat inspector, and other officers of the department shall be permitted to enter, at any reasonable hour, any premises, house, store, stable, manufacturing plant, or any other building, and shall have the authority to arrest or cause to be arrested any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 4. *Jurisdiction.*—The jurisdiction of the health department shall extend over the corporate limits of the city of Springfield and to a point one-half mile beyond the limits of said city, and all rules and regulations and ordinances relating to sanitation and public health shall apply and be in force over such territory.

SEC. 5. *Expenditures.*—The superintendent of health shall not contract any financial obligations or expend any money beyond the amount appropriated for the work of the health department. Should any emergencies arise the commissioner of public health and safety shall immediately call upon the commission to consider his request for an emergency appropriation.

SEC. 6. *Reports*.—Said superintendent of health shall from time to time recommend to the commissioner of public health and safety, for submission to the commissioners, such measures as he may deem necessary to secure the hygienic and sanitary welfare of the city, and said superintendent of health shall monthly render to the commissioner of public health and safety a full and accurate statement of all expenditures incurred in the discharge of his duties, together with a general statement of the operation of the department for the preceding month, and shall annually render a full report of the work of the department to the commissioner of public health and safety.

SEC. 7. *Secretarial duties*.—The secretary of the health department shall be selected by civil-service examination, and shall have charge of the desk and records of the office; shall properly record reports of deaths, births, communicable diseases, and such other information as may be desired; take care of and file communications coming into the office, prepare the weekly, monthly, and annual reports of the department, and perform such other clerical duties as usually pertain to that of secretary or that may be requested by the superintendent of health.

SEC. 8. *Meat inspector*.—There is hereby established the office of meat inspector, who shall be appointed by the commission on the first Monday in May of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be, and shall hold his office until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall be a practical butcher or veterinary, and shall be entirely competent to detect diseases of animals intended to be butchered and used for human food. Before entering upon the duties of his office he shall enter into bond with the city, with security to be approved by the commission, in the sum of \$2,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 9. *Powers and duties*.—Said meat inspector shall have power to inspect all fresh meat exposed for sale within the city or within one-half mile of the city, or kept with intent to sell therein, and all live stock which is to be slaughtered and placed on sale therein, and may for this purpose enter any place where the same is or may be kept or exposed for sale. The first of each month he shall make a report to the superintendent of health of the work done during the preceding month.

SEC. 10. *Health inspectors*.—All health inspectors of the department shall be selected by civil-service examination and shall give bond to the city in like manner and amount as a police patrolman. It shall be the duty of the inspectors to carry out the orders of the superintendent of health in relation to sanitary conditions of the city. They shall, when complaint is made, make a thorough investigation of same, and cause all nuisances to be removed and abated within a reasonable time.

SEC. 11. *Powers*.—Said inspectors shall be authorized and allowed, at any reasonable hour, to enter any store, meat market, hotel, boarding house, saloon, factory, bakery, or any other place within the city, to examine the cellars, vaults, sinks, sewers, or drains belonging thereto; also to enter all lots and premises and to cause all stagnant pools of water to be drained off, and all dirt piles, garbage, or any other offensive material to be removed.

ART. 2. SEC. 12. *Sanitation*.—The superintendent of health shall have and exercise general supervision of the sanitary condition of all schoolhouses and premises, hotels, lodging houses, theaters, public halls, or other places where public gatherings of any kind are held; restaurants, bakeries, livery stables, dairies, milk depots, meat markets, ice-cream factories, or any other places in the city, and shall advise such improvements in the sanitary conditions as in his judgment are necessary, and as may be approved by the commissioner of public health and safety. Whenever it shall come to the notice of the superintendent of health that the condition of any building or premises is prejudicial to the health or dangerous to the lives of the occupants, or the public, the superintendent shall make, or cause to be made, a thorough examination of the buildings or premises, and, upon his report, the commissioner of public health and safety shall cause such buildings or premises to be put in good sanitary condition at the cost of the individual responsible for or causing such unsanitary or dangerous conditions, or have it condemned.